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BUNKO ROCKS 2010



Was a fun and successful event hosted by the U.S. Naval Hospital and 3rd Medical Battalion Coffee Groups. The event was held at The Crow's Nest on Camp Shields on Friday, February 26, 2010. We had 40 attendees and awarded over \$3,000 in prizes donated by Vendors Island wide. The largest prize was a beautiful chocolate pearl bracelet and necklace set valued at over \$600, generously donated by Raymond Ko Jewelry. The Crow's Nest set out a beautiful buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Kelly Kaup (3rd Med Bn Coffee Group) led the evening as the Master of Ceremony. Hostesses for the evening were Devetta Boyce (3rd Med Bn Coffee Group), Maureen Domery (USNH Coffee Group), Kaylin Palmer (USNH Coffee Group), and Amy Oxner (3rd Med Bn Coffee Group). Following in the footsteps of our predecessors, we raised a generous donation to go to AWWA on behalf of NOSCO. The night was full of fun and very entertaining for all. Our hopes are that next year's event will be even more fun and successful. By Amy Oxner



... from our president

Hello Everyone!

Well, spring is just around the corner and I hope that everyone had a wonderful February! I know we had quite a shake up at the end and I am very glad that everyone is safe and sound! Nothing like a little earthquake excitement to get March off to a great start!

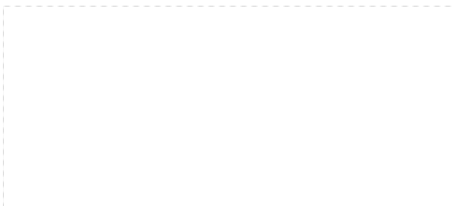
We had our annual Bunco Rocks event on February 26th and it was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was held at the new Crow's Nest on Camp Shields. A very warm "thank you" to all the wonderful people who helped organize this event. I know there were lots of fantastic prizes and I would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals who donated.

NOSCO Elections are just around the corner. We will be voting in April. Please contact me at apatangan@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining our NOSCO board for the 2010-2011 year. We have many positions available. Many of the positions do not require previous experience, just an eagerness to be a part of something great!

Navy Fleet Gift Shop is having more openings in March so make sure to watch your email for the exact dates. Volunteers are always needed so come on in and give a little of your time. It is a great environment to work in and we couldn't do it without the volunteers!

I hope that you have a FABULOUS March and I look forward to running into many of you at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop and around the island.

Sincerely,
Angela Patangan
NOSCO President





Coffee Talk

Dental

By Lindsay Platt

The Dental Coffee Group met Wednesday, February 24 at Pete's Place for dinner - and celebrated the Chinese New Year! Ann Marie Leal organized this wonderful evening.



Medical

By KellyKaup

February's meeting took place at Marino's Pizzeria. Yum! Thank you Ebeth for such a wonderful choice. Also, a big thanks to those of you in the coffee group who put so much help into Bunco Rocks this year. We couldn't have done it without you. All our volunteers played such an important part. Join us next month on March 26, for Rieko's choice. Karaoke

Naval Hospital

By Maureen Domery

The USNH coffee group enjoyed a great craft day this month. We made a washi paper craft that is just perfect for an ornament or a decoration on a gift. Thank you to Louise Coats for teaching. In March we will have a dinner out in town.



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Camp Foster: Bldg. 5674, 645-7808, M-Fri 0830-1600
Camp Hansen: Bldg. 2339, 623-5043, M-Fri 1000-1400

Did you know that . . . ?

The Active Duty Fund Drive to support the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is conducted in March? If a Shipmate was having bad luck, you'd treat him to a cup of coffee or cappuccino for \$1.25, wouldn't you? Would you do it once a week? An allotment of \$1.25 a week adds up to \$5.00 a month or \$60 a year. If every active duty Sailor and Marine made that commitment, it would generate \$31 million in funds to help Sailors and Marines and their families with emergency needs.

The 2008 Active Duty Fund Drive generated donations totaling \$9.2 million. Retired Sailors and Marines contributed an additional \$2.6 million to help Shipmates

Did you know that . . .

The Budget for Baby program is an informative class and at its conclusion parents are presented with a Volunteer- assembled layette? The layette includes terry sleepers, handmade blankets, sheets, towels, and more. In 2008 there were 6,230 families that participated in the Budget for Baby program. Classes are held the first three Thursday's of the month. Please call our offices for more information.

Grandma O'Brien's Irish Soda Bread
From the kitchen of Rene Pachuta

1 2/3 c. raisins
3 c flour
1 c sugar
1 T baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
¼ tsp salt
¼ tsp nutmeg
1 16 oz carton of sour cream
2 slightly beaten eggs

Preheat oven to 375. Put raisins in pot with ½ c water and bring to a boil to plump. Strain and cool. Put all dry ingredients into a large bowl, whisk well. Add raisins. Add wet ingredients to dry. Place in greased skillet (10-inch spring form pan will work). Bake 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Perfect for St. Patrick's Day!

This is Karen Golden's grandmother's recipe from Ireland. It is The BEST!!

Recipe
exchange

News from The Navy Fleet Gift Shop

Vendor Schedule

Zahara Boutique
March 3-6 & March 10-13

Raymond Ko
March 17-20

Fong's
March 24-27

Marisa Johnson
March 31-April 3

The Navy Fleet Gift Shop is hiring for a Shop Assistant. If you are interested please submit your resume to nfgsdirector@yahoo.com

**Kokeshi
Nativity sets
coming this
month!**

Look forward to our Vietnam shipment coming March 3rd!

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Don't miss our Philippine shipment coming later this month!



NOSCO BOARD POSITIONS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN APRIL

It is that time of year again when we are looking for people interested in holding positions on the NOSCO board for 2010-2011 year. Due to PCS moves and family obligations all Executive Board Positions will be available. We are looking for people who want to be active in our Navy community and like being involved. Remember the Navy motto "It's not just a job it's an Adventure" well that is what being a board member is all about having an Adventure! Below is information about the positions if interested or want more information please contact [Angela Patangan at 090-3796-9865](mailto:apatangan@yahoo.com) or apatangan@yahoo.com

a. PRESIDENT

Shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the Organization, its Constitution and Bylaws, and the Navy Fleet

Gift Shop and its Standard Operating Procedures.

Shall preside at all meetings of the NOSCO Board and General Membership.

Shall attend monthly AWWA and Navy Fleet Gift Shop Advisory Committee meetings.

Shall serve on advisory committees as invited.

Shall vote on all business other than welfare pledges at monthly AWWA meetings.

"FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Shall assist the President when necessary and perform duties assigned by the President.

Shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings and conduct the business of the Organization.

Shall, in the event of a vacancy, be asked to assume the Office of President.

Shall serve as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and award scholarships.

Shall attend NOSCO Board meetings and shall have a vote.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Shall carry out the duties entrusted to the office by the President.

Shall perform the duties of the First Vice President in the First Vice President's absence.

Shall succeed to the office of First Vice President if that office is vacated.

Shall serve as Chairperson of all NOSCO monthly events to include luncheons and the Welcome Aboard Coffee.

Shall attend NOSCO Board meetings and shall have a vote.

Shall prepare a Tentative Schedule of Events for monthly functions by 30 August.

Shall be responsible for member's reservations.

SECRETARY

Shall assist the President when necessary and perform duties as assigned by the President.

Shall take and record accurate and unbiased minutes of all meetings where business is conducted.

Shall submit a copy of monthly NOSCO Board Minutes to the President and members of the Board at the next regular meeting.

Shall handle all correspondence for the NOSCO as directed by the President. Shall notify NOSCO Board members of

Shall reserve meeting location for all Board meetings.

TREASURER

Shall assist the President when necessary and perform all duties as assigned.

Shall keep an account of all monies received by its General Accounts.

Shall maintain accounting records on a current basis.

Shall prepare monthly financial statement to the NOSCO Board for approval.

The Treasurer shall present the proposed budget for discussion at the November Board meeting.

While these are not all the duties of the Executive Board members this is a good representation of what each position requires.

The Amelia's AKA The Travel Group



CHERRY BLOSSOMS, SOBA AND SHISA OH MY

The Amelia's started off the Month of February with just few hardy souls braving the wind and rain to hike up the side of a mountain to get the very best view of the Cherry Blossoms. Ok it was only a drizzle and we had stairs, but it was 200 + meters of stairs up the mountain near Nago Castle. The cherry blossoms were absolutely beautiful and well worth the hike! We decided that we had enough time to go visit Sachi's and have a bite to eat. At Sachi's the Amelia's fell in love with the Shisa so that lead to our next adventure, which I will tell you about in the next newsletter. My best friend, who happens to be Okinawan, told me about the best Soba shop on island so we decided to give it a try . It is very old and quaint and even at 1:00pm we had to wait to be seated which is on the floor Okinawa style. By the time we arrived there were only 3 choices left on the menu, but they were all delicious. Is it the best on the Island? You will need to make the call if you get the chance to go.

Directions to Cherry Blossom's:

Take Expressway North to Nago. At end of Expressway continue North on 58. Just as you enter Nago you will see a stoplight, a McDonalds and a sign that say Central Nago. **Turn right** at this light. Go until Rt. 84 there is a stoplight and a San "A "Plaza. **Turn right**. Go the stoplight with the Orion Beer Factory on your right. **Turn Left** then a next road turn Right. At this point you will be on what looks like a one land road (it is not!) and is lined with a railing with Cherry Blossoms. You will see parking on your left this is also a nice place to picnic and hike the many trails.

Go to www.travelswithmargy.com for more information and directions to Soba House.

Community Corner



NOSCO members want to advertise your home based business? Need a golf partner? Need a yoga instructor? Or want to find a new friend? This is the place to come. You can place your advertisement by e-mail me the deadline will be the 26th of each month. margymetzler@yahoo.com

Sailing anyone? We will be starting a sailing club in April. Please, contact Maureen Domery at domery123@gmail.com interested.

Travel Group: If you are interested in joining the travel group please e-mail margymetzler@yahoo.com

DID YOU HEAR?

- 1) Starting in April the expressway will be free! At least for 6 months.
- 2) Because we live overseas we have until June 15th file taxes. If you owe money interest will accrue go to www.irs.gov to find out more information. You can also do your taxes on line for free at www.militaryonesource.com



Ikebana International Okinawa Chapter # 10 Annual Flower Exhibition

Will be held at the Mitsukoshi Department store, on Kokusai Street, March 26th through March 28th. Times Friday and Saturday 10:30-7:30 and Sunday 10:30-6:00. Cost: Y500. Come enjoy the flowers and then explore Kokusai Street! Questions or need directions contact Margy Metzler margymetzler@yahoo.com

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Zahara Boutique NFGS →	4	5	6
7 Okinawa marathon	8	9	10	11	12	13 Zahara Boutique NFGS ←
14	15	16	17 St. Paddy's day Raymond Ko NFGS	18 Travel group "Thai in the Sky" outing	19	20 Raymond Ko NFGS
21	22 USNH get together	23	24 Fongs NFGS	25	26 Medical get together Ikebana International Flower Show	27 Fongs NFGS
28 Ikebana International Flower Show	29	30	31 Dental Bunko Margy's house Marisa Johnson NFGS			



"You say it's your birthday
It's my birthday too--yeah
They say it's your birthday
We're gonna have a good time
I'm glad it's your birthday
Happy birthday to you." The Beatles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jaye Gabri
Angela Patangan
Catharine Myer
Manami Yun

March 1
March 4
March 14
March 28